



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE UNIFORMS OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE UNITED STATES LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE TREASURY DEPARTMENT 1893

UNIFORMS FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE GENERAL REGULATIONS

All persons belonging to the Lighthouse Service will strictly conform to the Regulations for uniforms published by the Treasury Department.

All persons on duty on board of tenders or light-vessels or on duty at light-stations will at all times wear the uniforms of their respective grades herein directed.

MASTERS OF TENDERS

to wear a double-breasted sack coat of navy-blue cloth in winter, or navy-blue serge or flannel in summer; with five large regulation triple-gilt buttons on each side--the top button placed close to the collar, the lower button about 6 inches from the bottom, and the other buttons at equal spaces between the top and bottom buttons. the length of coat to be the extended arm and hand: the coat to be provided with two inside breast pockets and two outside hip pockets, the latter to have flaps so arranged as to be worn inside the pockets if desired. Each sleeve to have two small buttons on the cuff seam, 1/2 inch apart, the lower button 1 inch from bottom of cuff.

The vest to be of navy-blue cloth in winter, or navy-blue serge or flannel in summer, and cut single-breasted with five small regulation buttons and a small rolling collar. so as to show about 6 inches of the shirt bosom: to have a watch pocket in the left side and a lower pocket on each side.

The trousers to be of navy-blue cloth in winter, or navy -blue serge or flannel in slimmer, cut in the prevailing styles, with pockets in hip seams.

Cap to be of the Navy pattern with adjustable chin strap of gold lace 1/2 inch wide fastened to the sides by two regulation buttons: in the middle of the front of the cap a gold embroidered wreath 1 1/4 inches high by 2 inches spread, inclosing a silver embroidered light-house 3/4 inches high: a black mohair braid inches wide to be worn around the cap.

Sleeve ornaments for the masters of tenders will be four stripes of K-inch gold lace laid on at intervals of inch. The first stripe to be 2 inches from the bottom of cuff. A silver embroidered lighthouse inch high to be laid on the front of the sleeve 1/4 inch above the top stripe.

The overcoat to be of the Caban style, of navy-blue cloth, with rolling collar inches deep, double-breasted, with six large guttapercha buttons on each side, the top button to be near collar seam, the bottom button 8 inches from bottom of skirt, and the others spaced equally between top and bottom buttons. The skirt to descend to the knees. Pockets to be in the side seams, breast high. The sleeve ornaments are not to be worn on overcoat.

REGULATION BUTTONS.

Buttons to be triple gilt on brass. The outer rim to be slightly raised, inside of which, arranged circularly, are to be the letters U.S.L.H.E. There will be three sizes of buttons:

- Large one inch in diameter
- Medium 3/4 inch in diameter
- Small 1/2 inch in diameter

The medium button to be worn on serge or flannel suits.

MATES OF TENDERS

to wear the same uniform as masters of tenders. The sleeve ornaments of the first mate shall be three stripes of 3/4-inch lace, surmounted by a silver embroidered lighthouse 3/4 inch high. That of the second mate shall be two Stripes of 3/4-inch lace surmounted by a silver embroidered light-house 3/4 inch high. That of third mate shall be one stripe of 1/4 inch lace surmounted by a silver embroidered light-house inch high. That of fourth mate, the silver light-house 3/4inch high.

When pilots are permanently employed on board of tenders they shall wear a uniform similar to that of fourth mates.

ENGINEERS OF TENDERS

to wear the same uniform as masters of tenders, except that the sleeve ornaments shall Consist of three stripes of 3/4-inch lace, surmounted by silver embroidered three-bladed propeller 3/4 inch in diameter.

First assistant engineers to wear the same uniform as chief engineers, except the sleeve ornaments are to be two stripes of 1/4 inch gold lace, surmounted by a silver embroidered, three-bladed propeller inch in diameter.

Second assistant engineers to wear same uniform as chief engineer, except That sleeve ornaments will be one stripe of 1/4-inch gold lace, surmounted a silver embroidered, three-bladed propeller inch in diameter

Third assistant engineers to wear same uniform as chief engineers, except that sleeve ornament is to be a silver embroidered three-bladed propeller 3/4 inch in diameter.

Hats of Mackinaw Straw may be worn in summer or in southern climates; the crown be not less than 4 inches in height and the brim not less than 3 1/2 inches wide with a black silk ribbon band not less than 2 inches wide.

ON BOARD SUPPLY VESSEL OR TENDERS.

CLERKS

to wear the same uniform as second mates of tenders, except that the distinguish mark above the upper sleeve stripe will be the letter C in silver , 3/4 inch high instead of the light-house.

YEOMEN

to wear the same uniform as clerks of tenders or supply vessel, except that the distinguishing mark on the sleeve be the letter Y only, in silver, 3/4 inch high, instead of the light-house.

QUARTERMASTERS

to wear the same uniform as fourth mates of tenders, except the silver light-house on the sleeve They will wear a steering wheel, 1 1/2 inches in diameter, embroidered in white silk or white thread on both coat sleeves midway between the shoulder and elbow.

CARPENTERS

to wear a navy-blue flannel shirt cut in navy style, with rolling collar 6 inches deep with two stripes of 1/4-inch white tape laid on inch apart, extending to the bottom of the bosom opening of shirt and joined so as to form a continuous line. The cuffs to have two stripes of white tape 1/4 inch wide around them, the upper edge of upper stripe to join t he 'gathering of sleeve to cuff, the second inch below the first. The corner of the collars to have worked on them in white thread or cotton, a broadax inch long. To wear this same device on both sleeves of blue shirt midway between shoulder seam and elbow. Caps for winter and summer same as prescribed below for seamen firemen.

COOPERS

to wear same uniform as carpenters except in each corner of collar to wear a barrel worked in white silk or white thread. The same device to be worn on the sleeves of shirt midway between the shoulder seam and the elbow. Caps for winter and summer to be the same prescribed below for seamen and firemen.

STEWARDS AND COOKS

to wear a single-breasted, navy-blue cloth or flannel coat, with five regulation medium buttons on the right side, spaced equally from the upper button, placed 3 inches below the collar seam. Vest to be of navy-blue cloth or flannel, showing about 6 inches of the shirt bosom, with five small regulation buttons, equally spaced on right side. Pantaloon to be of navy-blue cloth or flannel, cut in prevailing style, with pockets in side seams. Caps same pattern as masters of tenders, but without ornaments or braid band. The adjustable chin strap to be dark patent leather.

The cook to wear a cooks cap and white apron when cooking.

The steward, when waiting, to wear a white apron and white jacket.

The overcoat to be that described for the crew.

SEAMEN AND FIREMEN

to wear a navy-blue flannel shirt, cut in the navy style, with rolling collar 6 inches deep, with two stripes of 1/4-inch white tape, laid on 1/2 inch apart, extending to the bottom or the bosom opening of shirt, and joined so as to form a continuous line. The cuffs to have two stripes of white tape 1/4 inch around them, the upper edge of upper stripe to join the gathering of sleeve to cuff, the second 1/2 inch below the first.

The corners of the collars to have worked on them, in white thread or cotton, a lighthouse 3/4 inch high. If firemen, these ornaments are to be of red tape and embroidered with red thread or cotton.

Hats for winter to be dark blue cloth, round crowned, with a stitched band above the brim 1/4 inch wide. The brim to be 2 1/2 inches broad of double cloth stitched through and through with 12 or 14 rows of stitching of black silk to stiffen it. A black silk ribbon 1 1/4 inches wide, with "Light-House Service" embroidered in gold wire letters 1/2 inch high, to be worn around the crown, joining the binding of crown. Hats of similar design in brown canvas to be of same shade as canvas overall suits, but without ribbons, to be worn with overall suits when working.

For winter weather work a watch cap of the navy pattern, knitted of dark blue yarn, will be worn by crew to protect the ears.

In summer a Mackinaw straw hat, with a crown 4 inches high and brim from 2 ½ to 3 inches broad, will be worn by crew. A black ribbon with "Light-House Service" worked in gold letters 1/2 inch high, will be worn around crown of Mackinaw hats.

Overall suits to consist of brown cotton jumper suits, with 5-inch deep collars and pantaloons of same material, to be worn over uniform to protect it when working.

Overcoats to be of navy-blue cloth, double-breasted, with five black gutta-percha buttons on each side. The top button to be near the collar, the lower button 6 inches from the bottom--the other buttons spaced equally between the top and bottom buttons. The skirts to descend halfway from hip to knees.

Rain suits of oiled canvas, consist of a jumper, pantaloons, and southwester, known as Cape Anns , will be worn in wet weather by the crews of tenders and lightships.

KEEPERS OF LIGHT-VESSELS

to wear the same uniform as the first mates of tenders.

Assistant keepers of light-vessels will wear the same uniform as second mates of tenders.

If there are more than two keepers, the second and third assistants will wear the same uniform as third and fourth mates of tenders.

ENGINEERS OF LIGHT-VESSELS

to wear the same uniform as first assistant engineers of tenders.

Assistant engineers will wear the same uniform as second assistant engineers of tenders.

If there are more than two engineers, the second assistant will wear the same uniform as the third assistant engineer of tenders.

SEAMEN AND FIREMEN OF LIGHT-VESSELS

to wear the same uniform as seamen and firemen of tenders.

KEEPERS OF LIGHTHOUSES.

to wear the same uniform as the masters of tenders, except the ornaments on the sleeves of coat. They will wear on each lapel of the sack coat a loom embroidered in gold, 2 1/2 inches long by 3/4 inch wide the border of loop to be 1/10 inch broad. If principal keeper the letter K will be worn within the loop. If first assistant keeper the figure 1 will be worn embroidered within the loop. If second assistant keeper the figure 2 will be worn embroidered within the loop. If third assistant keeper the figure 3 will be worn embroidered within the loop.

If there are more than three assistants they will wear the number 4, 5, or 6, as the case may be, embroidered within the loop.

LIGHTHOUSE AND BUOY DEPOT KEEPER

to wear same uniform as principal keepers of light-stations.

WATCHMEN AT THE GENERAL LIGHTHOUSE DEPOT

to wear a single-breasted sack coat of navy- blue cloth in winter, or of navy-blue flannel in summer, cut after the pattern of the army blouse, with a turn-over collar 1 1/2 to 2 inches deep, buttoned up to the throat, with five large regulation buttons on the right side, the top button just below the collar seam, the lower button just below the waist, the other buttons equally spaced between the top and bottom button.. The letter W, 3/4 inch high, worked in gold, inclosed (sic) in a gold embroidered loop of same dimensions as that worn by light-keepers, to be worn on each end of the collar, 1 inch from bottom.

The vest to be of navy-blue cloth in winter or flannel in summer, to be cut so as to show about 5 inches of shirt bosom, and to have five small regulation buttons on right side; the vest to have a watch pocket on right side and a pocket on each side below.

Pantaloons to be of navy-blue cloth in winter or flannel in summer, cut in the prevailing style, with pockets in the side seams.

Hats to be of the helmet pattern, of blue in winter or light brown linen in summer. The helmet to have a black glazed 1/2-inch leather strap in front, secured on each side by small regulation buttons, and to have one gilt buckle on each front quarter. To have gilt lighthouse 1 inch above the chin strap in the middle of the front, with a whistling and spar buoy crossed.

The captain of the watch to wear the light-house in gold embroidered wreath.

Belts to be of adjustable black leather, 2 inches wide, with gilt clasps, on which in raised letters to have the word "Police." When overcoats are worn, the belt will be worn outside, with a leather stall to carry the club.

The shield to be the same as that worn by the police of Richmond County , NY . To be worn on the left breast of the sack coat in summer or the overcoat in winter.

Overcoat to be double-breasted, of navy-blue cloth, with five large regulation buttons on each side equally spaced between the top button at collar seam and the bottom button 6 inches from the bottom of the skirt. The skirts to descend to the knees, and the rolling collar to be 5 inches deep. The pockets on each side to be breast high, cut vertically, and two pockets with flaps cut horizontally just below the hips. A cloth belt of same material as overcoat to be fitted from the side seams, 2 inches broad, to button behind with a large-sized regulation button. The back middle seam to be slashed up 10 inches with a fly

flap, closed by four small-sized regulation buttons. The collar to be fitted to turn up and button with a strap of cloth to a small regulation button.

Caps of blue cloth, with ear-flaps to turn down over the ears for protection in cold winter weather, day or night, may be worn. When not needed, to tie up in front with silk ties.

MISCELLANEOUS

All males employed on tenders or light-vessels, or at shore light stations, and all seamen and firemen, shall wear the uniform prescribed at all times on duty, and when visiting the Light-House Board's office or inspector's or engineer's office, they will always appear in their proper uniform.

Laborers employed to care for river or post lights are not required to wear uniform.

All keepers and other employees, when cleaning lamps or lenses, will wear aprons provided and issued.

Engineers, in repairing or cleaning machinery of vessels, may wear the overall suit prescribed to save the uniform.

The drawings, which are made a part of the regulations, explain the detail of the uniform.

The measures for uniforms of the Lighthouse employees are subjoined. and employees are authorized to have the uniform made wherever they may prefer; but all uniforms must conform to the regulations herewith established.

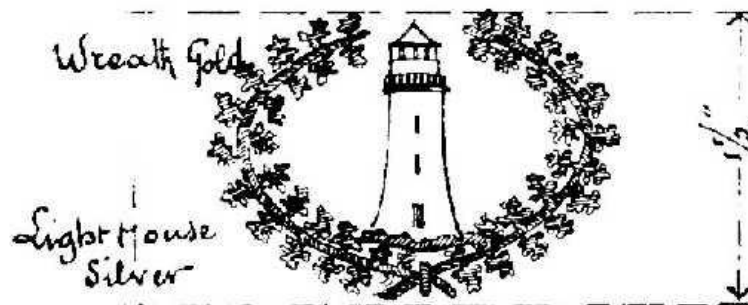
Officers are forbidden to wear any part of their uniform with citizen clothes, except the cap and overcoat. In foul weather officers and crews will be permitted to wear rain clothes.

JAS. A. GREER,
Rear-Admiral , US Navy, Chairman

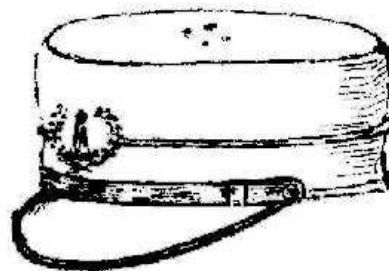
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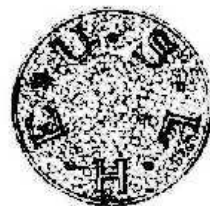
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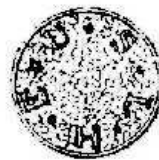
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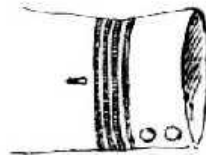
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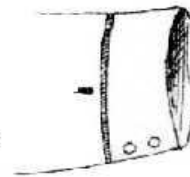
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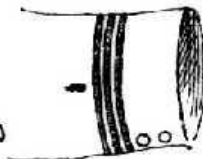
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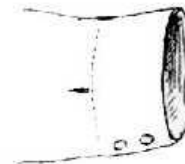
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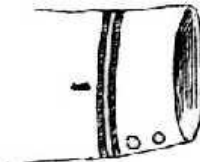
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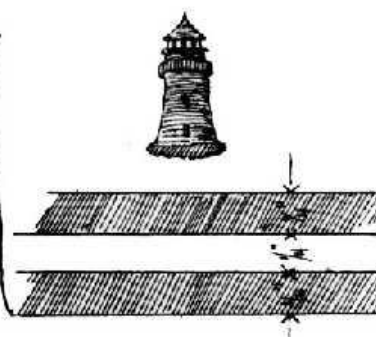
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2nd MATE.
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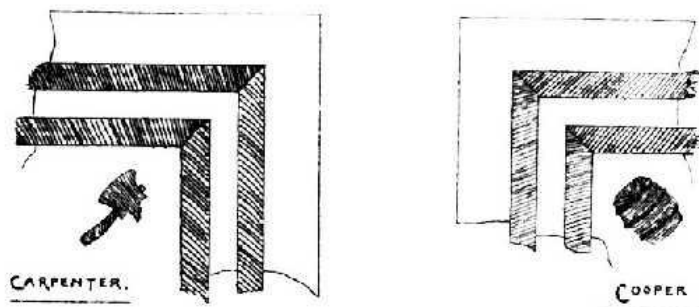
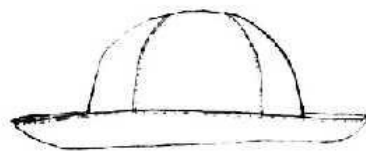
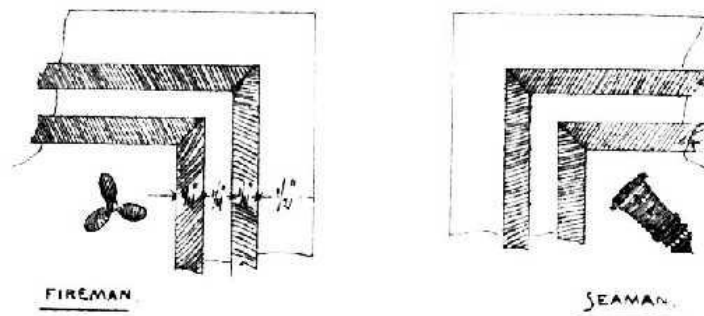
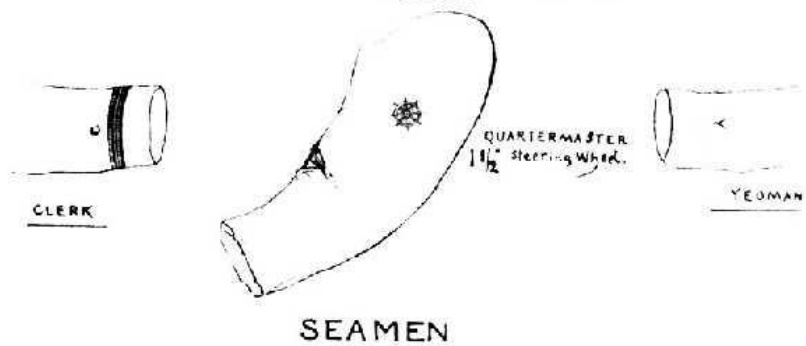


MASTERS
&
MATES.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Silver
LIGHT HOUSE
 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Gold BRAID



LIGHT HOUSE TENDERS

PETTY OFFICERS



Seamen. Two white braid laces, one quarter of an inch wide spaced one quarter of an inch. Ornament three quarters of an inch.

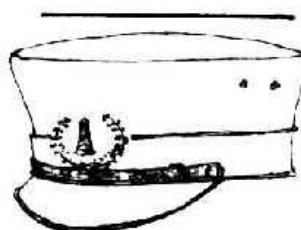
Wreath:
Gold



Light House
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CAP ORNAMENT

LIGHT KEEPERS



CAP.

2nd Asst
Keeper.



Border . Gold.
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CHIEF
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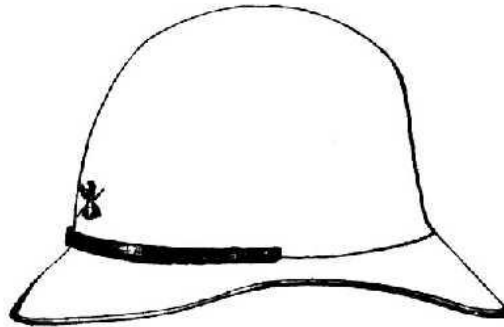
The letter or number inside of
the border showing rank of Keepers:

K	for	Chief Keeper.
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3	"	3 ^d _____
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GENERAL L.H.DEPOT WATCHMEN



HAT ORNAMENT



HAT



SHIELD

